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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8,10,12,13,16 and 25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,9,11,14,15,17-24 and 26-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2, line 1, it is not clear whether "the plurality of communication options" should be --the selected one or more of the plurality of communication options-- since the recited "voice mail and a telephone call" are already recited as part of the communication options in claim 1, lines 8-9.

Claim 11, line 1, "the authenticating step" lacks a proper antecedent basis to claim 8/1. See claim 10, which recites a step of "authenticating..." in line 2.

With respect to claims 14-24, applicant should carefully check their intended dependencies since claim 13 appears to have been inadvertently overlooked.

In claim 14, it is not clear whether this claim erroneously depends on claim 11/8/1 since the claim repeats the limitations of claim 1. Is the intended dependency claim 13?

Claim 15, line 1, it is not clear whether "the plurality of communication options" should be --the selected one or more of the plurality of communication options-- since the recited "voice mail and a telephone call" are already recited as part of the communication options in claim 1, lines 8-9.

Claim 18, line 1, "the location option" lacks a proper antecedent basis to claim 15. See claim 17, line 2, which recites "a location option."

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In claim 21, it is not clear whether this claim erroneously depends on claim 11/8/1 since the claim repeats the limitation of claim 8.

In claim 23, it is not clear whether this claim erroneously depends on claim 20/11/8/1 since the claim repeats the limitations of claim 11.

Claims 26-36 are system claims which have erroneous dependencies to method claims 23 and 24.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1,3-8,10, 12, 13, 16 and 25 are allowed.
4. Claims 2, 9, 11, 14, 15, 17-24 and 26-36 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
Koch (US 7,127,400 B2), Gare et al. (US 2006/0230137 A1), Chaudhuri et al. (US 2007/0036294 A1), Jefferson et al. (US 2007/0047522 A1) and HotSip publication ('Mobile Presence Bringing you closer') teach other personal assistants without the inputted text message feature.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melvin Marcelo whose telephone number is 571-272-3125. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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